

## Mayor's Message

I cannot believe it has been almost two years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have seen resilience in our health care workers, first responders, and other essential employees as they have shown love and care to our community and families.

Many neighbors and family in our city have checked in on one another, showing great love and concern. On occasion, we have seen strong public discord toward the issues the COVID-19 pandemic has brought about. We are now starting to see inflation and wage pressures kick in on areas challenging for us to control as a city.

Over the next year, as a city, we will need to have serious conversations on how we pay and fund our police and fire departments, Lone Peak Public Safety. We see tremendous wage pressures to keep our quality, seasoned, qualified police and fire personnel in the current public safety environment.

This year, we should also see the start of the 6800 West (road to Costco) reconstruction. The majority of this road reconstruction funding comes from Utah County MAG funds. With cost increases above projections, we are just waiting on approval from Utah County for the excess costs before starting.

One of my favorite quotes: *"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... it's about learning to dance in the rain."* (Vivian Greene) As we navigate as a city during these trying times, I hope we can all *"learn to dance in the rain"*.

Thank you for your trust and support in the city council and myself to serve you as we strive to make Highland a great place to live.

~Mayor Kurt Ostler



## Snow Removal Reminders

Do you feel like your road wasn't cleared well? The reason could have been cars parked along the side of the road. If roads aren't cleared of parked cars, trailers, basketball hoops, and other hazards, plows aren't able to safely clear that side of the road. The safety of Highland City residents during and after a snow event is a top priority for the City. Our Public Works department utilizes all available assets as needed to clear the roads depending on the storm event, snowfall received, and duration of the storm. Please help us out by getting everything off the road. Check out <http://bit.ly/HC-snow> for more information including plowing priority, street parking, clearing driveways, sidewalk clearing, contact information, and more.

## Recycle Right

Knowing the three basic recycling rules and putting them into proactive use will help you recycle more efficiently and will help to endure everything that makes it into your bin finds a second life.

1. Recycle bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.
3. No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables. If you collect your recyclables in a bag, empty the bag into your bin and reuse the bag!

Learn more about good recycling practices at [www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101](http://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101)



## HIGHLAND CITY

### CALENDAR

February 1: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

February 8: City Council Goal Planning Session\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

February 15: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

February 22: Planning Commission\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

March 7: Cemetery Cleanup

\*Agendas, Minutes, and Audio at <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City Offices will be closed Monday, February 21 in honor of President's Day. Garbage service will NOT be impacted.

### PHONE NUMBERS

City Offices: 801-756-5751

Library: 801-772-4528

Justice Court: 801-772-4525

Police Department/Animal Control: 801-756-9800

Fire Department: 801-763-5365

After-Hours Public Works Emergencies: 801-420-2553

Waste Management (pick-up and can repairs): 888-496-8824

### ONLINE

Report a concern, pay your bill, reserve a pavilion, etc. on-line at: [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

Sign up for email, text, and phone alerts from Highland City based on your interests at [alerts.utahcounty.gov](http://alerts.utahcounty.gov).

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity



## Council Brief

In each month's newsletter, we give a brief overview of some stand-out items from Council meetings. For full agendas, minutes, & audio, visit <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>.

### January 11

This price is based on a survey of the County assessed value from a variety of lots throughout the City. It also accounts for the unique circumstance of orphan open space properties. Later this year, Council will allow for applications for Open Space parcel purchase.

Council committee assignments for 2022-2024 were made. To learn about your new Council and see their assignments, visit <http://bit.ly/HC-Council>.

Council discussed a concept and draft interlocal agreement put together by American Fork, Lehi, and Highland cities to jointly manage the North Utah County Equestrian Center. If Utah County is amenable to the proposal by the cities, final details and an agreement will be brought back to Council for their decision.

### January 18

Council approved a plan for trail improvements along the Highland Glen Pond shoreline trail needed due to erosion that has occurred. The trail will be rerouted behind the grass and picnic area. The grass will then be expanded across the current trail and sand will be added to the beach along with a retaining wall and railings to separate the grass area from the beach. Staff will bid some portions of the project and complete some of the work in house. The goal is to have the work completed by June.

Council and staff discussed the 2022 annual resident survey and questions possibilities. Topics of interest this year include a potential city fiber project, parks, and encroachment. The survey will be made available in the March newsletter and online.

## City Codes and Permits

Did you know Highland City Code requires permits to finish a basement, put in a fence, rent out a portion of your home, build a shed larger than 200 square feet, install a pool, and complete some remodels? These codes are in place to ensure the safety and aesthetic beauty of Highland now and for years to come. Do you have one of these projects planned? Call us at 801-756-5751 and staff will be happy to walk you through the permitting process.

## Highland City Cemetery Cleanup

Highland City seeks to offer families and friends that visit their loved ones resting in the cemetery a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment. Please help us with this goal by keeping your site clean. The next cemetery decoration removal will be on Monday, March 7. All perishable items will be discarded and items of a more permanent nature will be put in a storage facility on site for one week during which owners may claim items by making an appointment by calling 801-772-4505.

Future 2022 cleanups:

Monday, June 13, 2022

Monday, October 3, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022

## Door-to-door Water Testing

We have heard concerns about a person going door-to-door saying he is testing water in the area. He is most likely a salesman or solicitor. All solicitors in the city need to obtain a license from Highland City to operate here. You can ask to see this license to know they are legitimate.

If the city ever needs to test your water, below is what you can expect from us. It would be during regular business hours, Monday- Thursday 7:30 am- 5:30 pm. There would be two people in a vehicle marked with a Highland City logo. They would be wearing clothing or a hat with the City logo as well. They would identify themselves as city employees and have photo ID. When the city does need to test water, it is tested from the hose bib outside your home. If a resident requests a water test from an inside tap, we provide you with a container and instructions to collect the sample and we return the next day to collect the container.

## Utah Valley Job Fair

The Utah Valley Job Fair is FREE for Job Seekers and will be held in person on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Utah Valley Convention Center – 220 W Center St, Provo. Job Seekers will be able to create invaluable relationships with HR personnel and explore career opportunities with some of the biggest and best paying companies along with many others. Schedule March 22 as a must-attend event! You will be able to meet over 100 employers looking to hire hard working people like yourself. For more information check us out at [www.utahvalleyjobfair.com](http://www.utahvalleyjobfair.com) or on Facebook at <https://fb.me/e/1rnWbVc18>.



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COACH PITCH

JR. JAZZ  
FLAG FOOTBALL  
Ski Bus  
GOLF CAMPS

## YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT [CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION](http://CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION) TO FIND OUT MORE!



The Arts Council meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM.

### Treasurer Position

Are you more of a numbers person than an artist? Great! We are looking for a treasurer to join the Board and manage our financial records. If this sounds like the job for you, email [hall.phoebe@gmail.com](mailto:hall.phoebe@gmail.com).

### Highland Children's Choir

Highland Children's Choir and Youth Choir now enrolling new students! Openings for ages 8-18. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis. Enroll online at [highlandchildrenschoir.com](http://highlandchildrenschoir.com). Come Sing With Us!

### Timpanogos Ringers

We have limited openings for new ringers, but if you are interested, and you have a musical background and can read music, please email [paige@ericksonfamily.com](mailto:paige@ericksonfamily.com) for more information. We rehearse Tuesday nights at the Arts Center, and we plan to have a concert in May.

### Highland Choral Arts

We would like to announce our Spring 2022 Concert on May 7 at 7:00 PM at Timberline Middle School. We are excited to begin preparing a wide variety of music for all ages to enjoy! Please save the date and join us!

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Highland City Library are excited to announce our "love your library" giant book sale on Saturday, February 5, 1:00-4:00 PM and Monday, February 7, 10:00AM-7:00 PM. Early Bird sale for members of Friends of the Library is 12:00-1:00 on Saturday and you can join at the door. This sale will be held in the City Council room at the Highland City building. Please come, browse, and buy! All proceeds support the library. We want everyone to have a fun and safe time at the book sale. We will provide hand sanitizer and encourage masks and social distancing.

This month we want to especially thank those of you who have donated books to the library. We often say that books can take us to new and exciting places, but sometimes it works the other way around. The Friends were able to send some of your donated children's books to two villages in Guatemala to build up the small libraries of English schools there. Your books are brightening the lives of children thousands of miles away.

### Youth Council Corner

The 2022 Highland Youth City Council was sworn into office on January 6. This group will spend the year serving the City by planning and helping at events and service projects, assisting with community projects, and much more. They also learn about government and the justice system. Watch for this great group of teens around the City!



### Beautification Committee

Did you know that we have a community garden as part of the Beautification Committee? Citizens can rent a garden box in the plot between Toscana and the fire station for \$40 a year. Former resident, Ashley Udall raised money to start the program and worked with the City to get it approved. Most recently Katie Bowers has overseen the program, but will soon be moving. We want to recognize both women for their service and hard work to cultivate the garden boxes along with a sense of community. If you would like to get involved in the Beautification Committee or start something similar in your area, please email Cary Wise at [wisecaryj@gmail.com](mailto:wisecaryj@gmail.com).

### Fishing Class Teachers Needed

In anticipation of our Youth Fishing Program in April, we are looking for volunteers to teach small groups of kids how to fish. Classes are held Thursdays in April and May at Highland Glen Pond. If you are looking for hours for your Designated Hunter application, this is a qualifying project. Teachers must pass a background check. Email us at [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org) to become a volunteer. Program registration will open March 14. Visit [http://bit.ly/HC\\_fish](http://bit.ly/HC_fish) for more information.

### Highland Historical Society

Visit the Highland Historical Society museum in the Community Center. This is a great activity for homeschoolers! See Highland historical information at <http://bit.ly/HC-history>. Learn about area settlers and see who has lived where you live now. If you would like to schedule a time to come to the museum, please call Charlie Greenland at 801-913-5200. To tour the DUP cabin, contact Donna at 385-290-0211.



**Coming August 1-6**  
*The Great Outdoors*

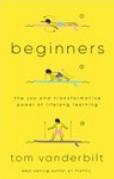
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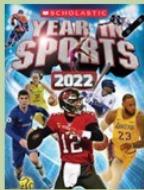
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## WHAT'S NEW



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*Scholastic Year in Sports 2022*  
Top sports stories for young sports fans.

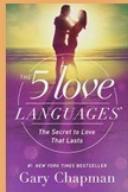


*Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak.  
A moving story of love, history, and eco-consciousness.

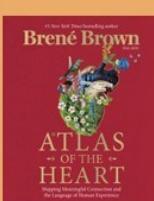
## FEATURED BOOKS

### Love Reading about Love

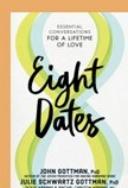
*The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. Learn how to recognize how the significant people in your life show and feel love.



*Atlas of the Heart* by Brene Brown. A new guide to understanding connection and emotion by a beloved author.



*Eight Dates* by John Gottman. Rekindle your romantic life by learning to communicate with your partner.



## WELCOME

### Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Closed Feb 17-18 for updates & Feb 21 for President's Day



## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

“Love the Library” is our theme for February. We LOVE our community and this month our focus will be on Tabitha’s Way. Donate nonperishable food February 1-15 to support our local food pantry. In return we will subtract \$1.00 worth of overdue fines for each item donated. Pantry needs listed at The Highland City Library and our website. Please no canned items.



## HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### LOVE THE LIBRARY MONTH

Book Sale February 5 @ 12-4 & February 7 @ 10-7PM.

### Paint With The Director

February 12 @ 1PM for Teens and Adults. Register on our website.

### Love for Movies

Check out “love” DVDs and get a prize.

### Black History Month

Booklists available

### Hats Off to Winter Reading

January 3-February 28  
Pick up reading punch cards. All ages!

### Fairytale Ball

March 19th. Registration and information on our website.

### \*Sami's Songs and Stories

Fridays @ 11AM-Toddlers

### \*Story Time

Tues, Wed, & Thurs @ 11AM-Preschoolers

### \*Jr Explorers

Wednesday @ 4PM age 6-8 and Parents

### \*Adventurers Club

Tuesdays @ 4PM age 9-11

### \*Teen Writers Group

Thursdays @ 4PM age 12 +

### \*Grandparents Story Time

Feb 14 @ 10:30AM for Toddlers, Preschoolers and Grandparents.

\*Highland Library Card Required

[www.highlandcitylibrary.org](http://www.highlandcitylibrary.org)

